

**St. Peter's United Church of Christ  
Tatamy, Pennsylvania**

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent – March 23, 2025

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE AND TOLLING OF THE BELL

## CALL TO WORSHIP

You who long for connection:

**Receive the fellowship of this community, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.**

You who search for love:

**Experience the love of Jesus expressed in music, prayer, community, word and action.**

May this time of worship fill and refresh you.

**Let us worship God together!**

## HYMN #59 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

## CONFESSION

**Gracious God, sometimes we are disappointed by other people, too ready to dismiss or discard them. Help us to see in others what you see in them: their growth, the fruits that they offer. Forgive us when we too quickly judge others. Forgive us also, when we doubt that we can be worthy followers of you. May we be inspired to nurture your people and ourselves.**

## ASSURANCE

God's ways are not our ways. Where we would condemn ourselves or others, God forgives. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

## #734 GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Luke 13: 1-9

MEDITATION

HYMN ***Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy***  
(See insert)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us  
our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING / OFFERING RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above the heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Faithful God, our guide and sustainer, as we offer these  
gifts, may they bear fruit for your kingdom. In this  
solemn season of Lent, we remember your call to  
repentance and renewal. Help us tend the soil of our  
hearts so that we may grow in faith and bear witness to  
your grace. Use these offerings to bring hope to those in  
need and light to those in darkness. May we live as your  
fruitful servants, trusting in your abundant mercy. In the  
name of Christ who calls us to new life, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN #398 ***O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus***

# BENEDICTION

**CHORAL BENEDICTION (#250, verses 1 and 5)**  
**Throughout these Lenten days and nights,**  
**we turn to walk the inward way,**  
**where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,**  
**we live in hope 'til Easter Day.**

**So let us choose the path of one**  
**who wore, for us, the crown of thorn,**  
**and slept in death that we might wake**  
**to life on Resurrection Morn!**

Call to Worship, Confession, Assurance: <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way>  
Dedication: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The altar flowers this morning are presented by Sharon Pinto in memory of her mother, Arlene Wagner.

CHURCH LIBRARY will be open on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month from 9:00-10:30 am and the third Wednesday of the month from 5:30-7:00 pm.

BIBLE STUDY will be held this Thursday at 10:00 am.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

**25 *Patricia Stasek***

**29 *Charlie Horst***

GIVING 3/16/25--\$1,052.00      TOTAL GIVING YTD--\$8,084.00

3/16/25 MEMBER ATTENDANCE—34

3/16/25 TOTAL ATTENDANCE—38

YTD MEMBER ATTENDANCE AVERAGE—28

YTD TOTAL ATTENDANCE AVERAGE--33